

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, August 8

Finance Standing Committee
5:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, August 8

Borough Council
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

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National Night Out
5:00 p.m., North 3rd Avenue & Raritan

Tuesday, August 8

Chalk Walk Art Festival
5:00 p.m., South 3rd Ave between Magnolia
and Raritan

Wednesday, August 9

Bulk Trash Collection: South Side

Wednesday, August 9

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, August 10

Food Pantry Distribution
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, August 10

Arts Commission
6:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, August 12

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, August 15

Rehabilitation Screening
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, August 16

Human Relations Commission
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, August 17

Bach 2 Rock – Electric Violinist Caryn Lin
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Sunday, August 20

Harp Concert and Demonstration
2:00 p.m., Library

Monday, August 21

Chalk the Walks
7:30 p.m., Library

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com for updates

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Council Update from Councilwoman Stephany Kim



As we enter into the month of August 2017, I have completed a full quarter on Council since filling the position vacated by Jim Walsh. I am happy to be the liaison to the Recreation and the Arts.

During the recent power outage in town, many of our senior citizens were left without a cooling system during a heat advisory. The Senior/Youth center has put a procedure in place to have a staff member open the center in emergency situations for our residents.

Most people are aware that our town is home to a number of professional artists, but since taking on the liaison position to the Arts Commission in Highland Park, I've learned that this community is home to musicians, composers and artists in many fields. The Arts Commission, led by Pandora Scooter and a group of active and engaged members, re-introduced the Open Studios program in June, which was a huge success. Residents and visitors were able to view artists' creations in their own studios or local studios, and meet many of the artists.

This coming Tuesday, August 8th across from the National Night Out event, the Arts Commission will hold a Chalk Art Festival, co-sponsored by ASAP (Adult Substance Abuse Program). Local artists will create incredible chalk art pictures. Sponsorships and donations will benefit ASAP.

The Senior and Recreation Departments also emphasize art through weekly art classes, which are popular with residents. These departments now offer more programs for all ages than ever before, including sports, exercise, life-skills, and health and wealth presentations. Speaking of popular events, we held our 13th Annual Senior (Citizen) Prom "Dancing under the Stars" in the spring. It was a night enjoyed by all who attended.

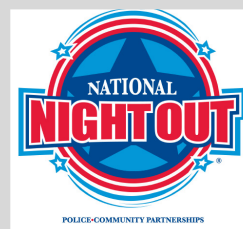
Recently at the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center we distributed (70) \$25.00 vouchers to be used at local farmers markets for fresh fruits and vegetables.

I hope you enjoyed the Independence Day Fireworks, sponsored by the Recreation Department, as much as I did! Our Fireworks event was a huge success. I would like to thank our sponsors for helping to fund this wonderful community event.

Last, but not least, Summer Camps are doing great, with some camps being completely full! You can still sign up for Day Camp and future weeks of Sports Camp. Our Senior and Recreation professionals are providing all this at a reasonable and affordable cost to all who wish to participate, reiterating the Borough's goals of providing expanded services while focusing on cost management.

I look forward to seeing you around town!

National Night Out/Chalk Art Festival



Please be advised that the National Night Out and Chalk Art Festival events scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 2 have been rescheduled due to inclement weather. The new date will be Tuesday, August 8 from 5pm to 9pm.

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to communications@hpboro.com

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Highland Marks

Highland Park resident **Evelyn Rosa** was presented a Community Partner Award by the New Brunswick Education Foundation at its annual awards gala in June. Ms. Rosa, the director of the Middlesex County College New Brunswick Center, was recognized for her work at the center and in the community. She is responsible for all aspects of the center's services, and she is also active on task forces, advisory boards and committees focusing on reducing food insecurity, creating employment and educational opportunities for youth, and education about healthy relationships as a tool for reducing domestic violence.

Have you – or someone you know – done something recently that's particularly noteworthy? Let us know about it and we'll include it in Highland Marks! Write to communications@hpboro.com

Park Partners Grant Program

Highland Park is continually working to make improvements and increase development and growth throughout the town, and residents are encouraged to participate in growth.

If you have a great idea for a program to benefit Highland Park, the Park Partners Grant Program can help you make that idea reality! The Borough will provide up to \$2,000 to help you execute your project. Projects can be in the following categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, Universal Access or Health & Wellness. Fill out an application available online at <http://hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/1313> or pick up one at Borough Hall, and help make a difference in Highland Park! Deadline is December 15, 2017.

HPTV Highlights for August 2017

Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers)
Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers)

Monday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
8:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
12:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
12:30 p.m. – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update
1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings
2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Spotlight on Middlesex County
2:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. – Access New Jersey
3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – Not Just Rock & Roll

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
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Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

Borough Hosts Young Leaders from Africa



Highland Park was proud to host two participants from the Mandela Washington Fellows, a program that brings young professionals and leaders from African nations to the United States for six weeks, to learn about our government and people.

Two Fellows, Philippe Mensah Houinsou, a Mindfulness Meditation Trainer from Benin, and Abraham Mateta, a legal practitioner and disability rights activist from Zimbabwe, visited with us once a week during the program. They were introduced to many Highland Park officials and leaders, and learned about life in Highland Park and surrounding areas.

The photo above features Philippe and Abraham with staff members at Robert Wood Johnson's Patient Advocacy Department, which helps patients in need receive proper care and medicine.

Six Activities to End Teen Boredom in August

Highland Park, July 20, 2017 – The Highland Park Public Library, 31 North Fifth Avenue, has a cure for teen boredom this August. Enjoy six different events at the Library. If you have any questions contact Teen Librarian Karen Jarzabski at kmitchell@hpplnj.org or call [732-572-2750](tel:732-572-2750). The Highland Park Library website is www.hpplnj.org. The programs are open to anyone in six grade and up.

Tuesday, August 8, 3:00 PM

Robots (PG)-With the help of his misfit mechanical friends, a small town robot named Rodney embarks on the adventure of a lifetime.

Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 PM

The Eagle Huntress (Rated G)-In this documentary, we follow, Aisholpan, a thirteen year old girl who is training to become an Eagle Hunter, the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family.

Monday, August 21, 3:00 PM

Chalk the Walks-Spread joy, optimism, and inspiration through the magical power of sidewalk chalk!"

Tuesday, August 21, 3:00 PM

Snap Circuits-Come play around with these innovative kits that contain color-coded, real circuit components that snap together to create working electronic circuits and devices.

Tax Bill Due Date Extension



Due to the recent budget crisis in Trenton, the due date for taxes for the second half of the calendar year 2017 has been extended. Residents will have until August 31st to submit payment without interest.

For questions, please contact the tax office at 732-819-3788 or check the website at www.hpboro.com.

Recycling Coach App

Residents don't forget to download the Recycling Coach App on your smart phone to get instant information about Recycling.

